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**ANDERSON MAN INDICTED FOR
FEDERAL CHILD PORN CRIMES**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, and Andrew G. Oosterbaan, Chief of the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section of the U.S. Department of Justice, announced that WILLIAM EPPERSON, 29, Anderson, Indiana, was indicted today by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for multiple child pornography offenses, following an investigation by U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Indiana State Police, and the Anderson Police Department. The case arose from information provided to ICE by law enforcement authorities in Germany.

The indictment charges EPPERSON with one count of distributing an image file containing child pornography by means of a computer on November 29, 2003. EPPERSON is

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also charged with three counts of receiving image and movie files of child pornography by means of a computer on November 30, 2002, December 6, 2002, and December 22, 2002. Finally, EPPERSON is charged with one count of possessing a computer containing numerous image files of child pornography on January 10, 2003.

The child pornography is alleged to have been produced through the use of actual minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct, and the material was allegedly a visual depiction of such conduct.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Steven D. DeBrotta and Trial Attorney David Szuchman of the Department of Justice, who are prosecuting the case for the government, EPPERSON faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 15 years for each count of distributing and receiving child pornography and up to five years for possessing child pornography. Each count also carries a term of supervised release following imprisonment of up to three years and a potential fine of up to \$250,000. In addition, the government is seeking the forfeiture of the child pornography and related computer equipment used in case.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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